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SUBJECT: AMBASSADOR AJA ESPIL'S CALL ON MR. EATON,
JULY 8, 10:00 A.M.

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2. AMBASSADOR AJA ESPIL SAID THAT THERE WERE TWO OR THREE MINOR "PROBLEMS" HE WOULD LIKE TO RAISE.

SAN JOSE II CONFERENCE: AJA ESPIL SAID IT WAS IMPOSSIBLE TO RELAY THE DEPARTMENT'S CLARIFICATION OF THE COSTA RICAN GOVERNMENT'S OBJECTIVES STATEMENT FOR THE CONFERENCE WHICH HE RECEIVED SATURDAY AFTERNOON (JUNE 28) TO BUENOS AIRES IN TIME FOR A DECISION TO BE MADE FOR THE MEETING ON MONDAY (JUNE 30). MORE TIMELY NOTIFICATION WOULD HAVE ENABLED THE ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

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ARGENTINE EMBASSY TO BE MORE RESPONSIVE. MOREOVER, THE FACT THAT THE GOA HADN'T BEEN CONSULTED ON THE WORDING OF THE RESOLUTION BEFOREHAND WAS REMINISCENT OF THE U.S. ACTION WITH RESPECT TO GRAINS.

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MR. EATON POINTED OUT THAT IT WAS COSTA RICA THAT HAD EXTENDED THE INVITATION FOR THE CONFERENCE ON

SHORT NOTICE. HE AGREED THAT IT WOULD HAVE BEEN BETTER IF THERE HAD BEEN MORE TIME TO CONSULT ON THE OBJECTIVES OF THE MEETING AND NOTED THAT ASSISTANT SECRETARY BOWDLER WAS FULLY AWARE AND APPRECIATIVE THAT THE ARGENTINE EMBASSY HAD MADE EVERY EFFORT TO CONVEY OUR CLARIFICATION TO THE FOREIGN MINISTRY.

U.S. ELECTIONS: AMBASSADOR AJA ESPIL SAID IT WOULD BE HELPFUL TO THE ARGENTINE POLITICAL PROCESS IF THE UNITED STATES WOULD INVITE ARGENTINE POLITICIANS TO OBSERVE THE U.S. NOVEMBER ELECTIONS. HE REITERATED AN EARLIER REQUEST THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE EXTEND AN INVITATION TO EDUARDO ANGELOZ, HEAD OF THE CORDOBA DISTRICT OF THE RADICAL PARTY (SEE REFTEL). MR. EATON REPLIED THAT WE HAD ALREADY INFORMED OUR EMBASSY IN BUENOS AIRES OF THE ARGENTINE AMBASSADOR'S INTEREST AND WOULD FOLLOW UP ON THE MATTER. AJA ESPIL ALSO SUGGESTED THAT DR. ENRIQUE GARCIA VASQUEZ, EX VICE PRESIDENT OF CENTRAL BANK BE INVITED.

AMBASSADOR BOWDLER'S VISIT: AJA ESPIL SAID THAT HE WOULD BE VISITING BUENOS AIRES JULY 22 OR 23 TO DISCUSS AMBASSADOR BOWDLER'S VISIT TO ARGENTINA. THE BOWDLER VISIT WILL BE AN IMPORTANT STEP IN U.S.-ARGENTINE RELATIONS AND AJA ESPIL WILL DISCUSS WITH GOA OFFICIALS HIS

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THOUGHTS FOR THE VISIT. ASKED IF THE TIMING OF THE VISIT HAD BEEN FINALIZED, MR. EATON SAID THAT THE END OF JULY OR EARLY AUGUST TIME FRAME WAS STILL PLANNED FOR AND THAT HE WOULD PROVIDE THE SPECIFIC DATES AS SOON AS THEY WERE CONFIRMED.

OASGA: MR. EATON ASKED IF THERE WERE ANY NEW DEVELOPMENTS IN THE ARGENTINE INITIATIVE TO HOST THIS YEAR'S OAS GENERAL ASSEMBLY. AJA ESPIL SAID HE UNDERSTOOD FROM AMBASSADOR QUIJANO THAT THE ARGENTINE GOVERNMENT HAD DROPPED THE IDEA OF HOLDING THE MEETING IN ARGENTINA. THEREFORE, HE UNDERSTOOD THE MEETING WOULD BE HELD IN WASHINGTON.

DISAPPEARANCES: MR. EATON RAISED THE RECENT PRESS REPORTS OF THE ALLEGED ARREST, DEPORTATION TO BOLIVIA AND MISTREAT-

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MENT OF THREE OR FOUR ARGENTINE CITIZENS SUSPECTED OF BEING MONTONEROS. HE SAID THE U.S. WAS CONCERNED OVER THESE POSSIBLE DISAPPEARANCES IN ADDITION TO THE SEVEN OTHERS (FOUR OF THE SEVEN ARE UNCONFIRMED) REPORTED SINCE THE BEGINNING OF THE YEAR. SAYING THAT HE HAD HEARD VERY LITTLE ABOUT THE INCIDENT, AJA ESPIL SAID HE WOULD REPORT OUR CONCERN TO HIS GOVERNMENT.

AMPARTS VISITOR: AMBASSADOR AJA ESPIL ALSO MENTIONED THE VISIT OF ROBERT GALUCCI, S/P, TO ARGENTINA TO DO A NUMBER OF LECTURES FOR ICA ON NONPROLIFERATION. ASSERTING THAT MR. GALUCCI'S VISA APPLICATION STATED THAT HIS VISIT WAS UNDER THE AUSPICES OF ICA AND DID NOT RELATE HIM TO THE STATE DEPARTMENT, AJA ESPIL EMPHASIZED THAT IT WAS IMPORTANT IN VISITS SUCH AS THESE FOR HIS EMBASSY TO LAY SOME GROUNDWORK WITH THE FOREIGN MINISTRY. IT WOULD HAVE DONE THIS HAD IT KNOWN HE WAS A STATE DEPARTMENT OFFICER AND HAD IT FULLY UNDERSTOOD THE NATURE OF HIS VISIT. ADVERSE GOA REACTION TO THE VISIT (MR. GALUCCI'S FIRST LECTURE LAST WEEK EXPLAINING U.S. NUCLEAR POLICY EVOKED A

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COMPLAINT FROM THE LEGAL ADVISOR OF THE ARGENTINE NUCLEAR ENERGY COMMISSION) MIGHT THEREBY BE MINIMIZED. CHRISTOPHER

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